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The Problem:

Currently, a small minority of Wisconsin voters is aware of the annual DNR Rules Hearing and Conservation Congress Meeting. Therefore, the DNR board is receiving input from a fraction of citizens who are concerned or affected by DNR policy and land management issues. In an effort to expand public involvement and increase attendance at the annual meeting, the DNR should develop a BRIEF informational brochure to be handed out or enclosed with annual park stickers purchased by state residents.

In addition, when issues booklets are printed prior to the meeting they should be available at state park and forest offices during weekend hours to allow a greater number of people to pick them up and read about the issues before attending the hearing in April.

WHEREAS a large majority of Wisconsin voters are unaware of their opportunity to influence DNR policy,

WHEREAS the DNR Board is receiving input from only a fraction of Wisconsin citizens concerned with conservation issues,

BE IT RESOLVED, the Conservation Congress at its annual meeting held in Milwaukee County on April 10, 2006, recommends that the DNR take action to correct this situation by developing a BRIEF brochure to be included with every state park sticker purchased and make complete issues booklets available at state park and forest rangers stations prior to the hearing.

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